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SUBJECT: SOVIET TREATMENT U.S. JOURNALISTS

1. P&C COUNSELOR, IN SEPTEMBER 11 CALL AT MFA PRESS DIVISION TO INTRODUCE NEW PRESS ATTACHE BROWN, RAISED ISSUE OF SOVIET ROUGH TREATMENT OF ABC'S CHARLES BIERBAUER, CHICAGO TRIBUNE'S JIM GALLAGHER AND WEST GERMAN TV CAMERAMAN WORKING FOR CBS DURING DEMONSTRATION ON RED SQUARE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4. COUNSELOR READ NON-PAPER WHICH OUTLINED SPECIFIC ACTIONS BY SOVIET SECURITY OFFICIALS, DESCRIBED SUCH ACTIONS AS "VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI ACCORD GOVERNING JOURNALISTS" AND CALLED ON MFA TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT REPETITION OF SUCH BEHAVIOR.

2. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MFA PRESS DIVISION, YURI PETROVICH VIKTOROV, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS ON REJOINDER: HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH SOVIET SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR THEIR VERSION OF INCIDENT BUT THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES COULD NOT TOLERATE UNCLASSIFIED

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DISRUPTION OF PUBLIC ORDER ON RED SQUARE. SAID HE HAD HEARD OF INCIDENT ONLY THROUGH TASS REPORTS (THOUGH BIERBAUER WROTE PROTEST LETTER TO MFA'S SOFINSKY), BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT CORRESPONDENTS WERE ACTUALLY STRUCK BY SECURITY OFFICIALS, AS BIERBAUER CLAIMED.

3. BIERBAUER, GALLAGHER AND BERNARD REDMDNT (CBS)
HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INFORMED OF PROTEST.
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